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STRATEGY

1. "DIE WELT" OF AUGUST 16 FRONT-PAGES THE INTERVIEW
BETWEEN ITS CORRESPONDENT AT SHAPE AND SACEUR UNDER
HEADLINE: "NATO STRATEGY DOES NOT EXCLUDE DEFENSE ON
N AGGRESSOR'S TERRITORY". "DIE WELT" SAYS THAT "BARE-
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LY TWO WEEKS AFTER SPECULATION ON A POSSIBLE CHANGE IN
US STRATEGY", GENERAL HAIG "REJECTED ANY THOUGHT OF
VOLUNTARY RENUNCIATION OF THE DEFENSE OF CERTAIN NATO
TERRITORY". ALTHOUGH THE PAPER SAYS SACEUR AVOIDED
COMMENTING DIRECTLY ON THE EVANS-NOVAK STORIES ON PRM-10,
IT QUOTES HIM AS STATING: "NO ALLIANCE OF SOVEREIGN
NATIONS WOULD BE VIABLE IF ITS STRATEGY PROVIDED FOR

CONCEDING VITAL TERRITORY OR ELEMENTS OF THE POPULACE TO THE POTENTIAL ADVERSARY".

2. "DIE WELT" SAYS ITS REPORTER ASKED GENERAL HAIG IF THE WEST DID NOT "NEED A NEW CONCEPT WHICH WOULD ALLOW FOR DEFENSE OPERATIONS BY NATO FORCES ON THE ENEMY'S TERRITORY". SACEUR IS QUOTED AS RESPONDING: "THE FORMULATION OF YOUR QUESTION SUGGESTS THAT FLEXIBLE RESPONSE EXCLUDES SUCH OPERATIONS. THIS IS CLEARLY NOT THE CASE. THE CORE OF DETERRENCE CONSISTS OF THE UNCERTAINTY AS TO HOW WE WILL REACT."

3. REST OF ARTICLE IS DEVOTED TO REPORTING SACEUR'S COMMENTS ON GROWING SOVIET MILITARY POWER AND ON INCREASING THREAT TO NATO'S FLANKS.

4. NOTE: SINCE ABOVE QUOTATIONS ARE INFORMALLY TRANSLATED FROM GERMAN, THEY MAY NOT CORRESPOND EXACTLY TO ORIGINAL ENGLISH.
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